

- The Emergency Act is an extraordinary measure, and we need to carefully weigh its continued use considering the high legal bar.
- We have heard from police that these authorities were a key element in the ongoing success of the efforts to clear the illegal blockage in Ottawa. Clear examples are:
 - operational ones like compelling the use of tow-trucks, and the prohibitions in assembly in designated areas
 - Financial ones freezing accounts of key organizers and funders of the illegal occupation -- thereby impeding their ability to directly fund the illegal occupation and neutralize the deterrence of all fines and sanctions
- The situation in Ottawa and around the country remains uncertain and tenuous.
 - The police operations in Ottawa to restore law and order continue and are likely to continue using these authorities for at least a few more days.
 - There is a likelihood the Police will need additional powers to prevent a re-occupation of Ottawa next weekend, and
 - We are seeing protests continue to pop up at border crossings across the country – we’ve seen how quickly these can evolve into illegal blockades. A POE in BC was closed, and there is an imminent risk of additional POEs being closed.
- Canada’s transportation infrastructure is vulnerable, and supply-chains are still in recovery mode.
 - There remains a continued threat of blockades at various critical trade and transportation corridors directly tied to recent events, and there is a need to avoid further economic damage to the Canadian economy.
 - Another major disruption of trade at the US border on the heels of the \$3.9B disruption that just ended would do severe and lasting damage to Canada’s reputation as a reliable supplier and trading partner. The impact on the Canadian economy and economic well-being for Canadians would be akin to a massive destruction of property in the order of billions of dollars. Sustaining the EA powers thru next weekend would lessen this risk materially
- Taken in totality, while the powers are extraordinary, they should likely remain in place through the upcoming weekend, and barring any major adverse development be revoked at that time.

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Background/ Economic Impacts:

- Since January 28, 2022, protests followed by blockades have erupted in various locations across Canada. Of particular concerns for Trade and Transportation Infrastructure have been the following locations:
 - Ambassador Bridge: This key trade crossing handles almost \$400M/day in trade and it was blockaded for 6 days for a trade impact of \$2.4B.
 - Coutts, Alberta: It handles around \$48M/day in trade and it was blockaded for 18 days for a trade impact of \$864M.
 - Emerson, Manitoba: It handles \$73M/day in trade and it was blockaded for 6 days for a trade impact of \$438M.
 - Pacific Highway: It handles around \$81M/day in trade and it was forced to close to 3 days for a trade impact of \$243M.
- The total trade impact since January 28 has been \$3.9B.

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